



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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## DECISION RECORD/RATIONALE/FONSI **Kerby Peak Trail Reconstruction** (EA # OR1 10-00-13)

I. **DECISION:** The decision is to implement Alternative 2b for the reconstruction of the historic Kerby Peak Trail as described in Environmental Assessment (EA# OR 110-00-13).

Implementation of this decision will include all project design features as described in the environmental assessment. Proposed mitigating measure 1 is accepted. Alternative 2b and Mitigating Measure 1 will limit the permissible types of use to day use for hiking and equestrian recreationists while precluding motorized vehicles, mountain bikes, campfires and camping. It will prohibit horses and pack stock from using the spur trail to Rabbit Lake.

The potential monitoring for erosion and water quality and for Port-Orford cedar outlined in Appendix C are both accepted and will be implemented.

II. **RATIONALE:** This project is a part of the implementation of the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP). The Kerby Peak Trail is identified in the RMP as one of 16 trails to be developed to meet the goal of providing for recreational opportunities on BLM administered lands. It will facilitate protection of the unique and sensitive Rabbit Lake area by precluding camping, campfires and potential livestock use. The project will also create a safer recreation opportunity and provide additional resource protection by eliminating the multiple informal trails that currently exist along part of the route but which are poorly located and are not maintained. Excluding motorized vehicles will protect the trail and the RNA and wilderness study area values as well as being consistent with the terms of the State of Oregon special use permit. Excluding mountain biking and camping are consistent with RNA and wilderness study area requirements.

No significant adverse affects are identified in the EA. The project is designed to protect the Brewer Spruce Research Natural Area (RNA) and Brewer Spruce wilderness study area values.

This decision is consistent with the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Siskiyou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, and the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (January 2001). This decision is also consistent with the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations.

This project is consistent with the Goal 1.1 of the BLM's Strategic Plan for FY2000 - 2005:  
Provide for opportunities for environmentally responsible recreation.

The No Action Alternative was rejected because it does not meet the RMP's objective for  
developing additional recreational opportunities on BLM lands.

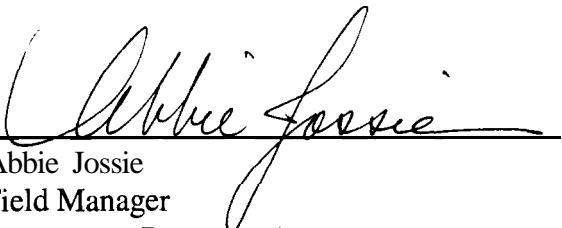
Special Use permits have been granted by the State of Oregon for reconstruction of the trail  
where it crosses state land.

III. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: On the basis of the information contained in  
the environmental assessment for this project, it is my determination that the decision stated  
above does not constitute significant effects to the quality of the human environment. In addition  
this project does not exceed the range of effects discussed in the EIS documents to which the  
project EA is tiered. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary and will not  
be prepared.

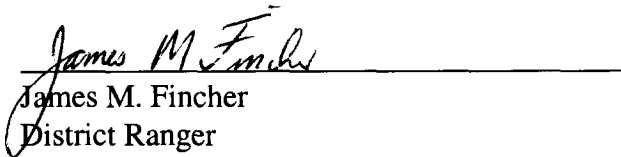
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In accordance with the BLM Forest Management Regulation 43 CFR 5003 - Administrative  
Remedies, the effective date of the decision will be the date of publication of the Notice of  
Decision and FONSI in The Grants Pass Daily Courier. Any protest must be made in accordance  
with 43 CFR 5003.3.

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